

DSLMA

Minutes of the Meeting March 11, 2008, at Education Resource Center of the University of Delaware in Newark. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance: Jane Stewart, Janet Shaw, Barb Ruzkowski, Peggy Dillner, Carole Carpenter, Sue Gooden, Suzanne Smith, Dale Kovalich, Barb FitzPatrick, Cathy Davis.

Old Business :

The Showcase of Library Leadership was very nice and had a good turnout despite poor weather conditions. Congratulations to Denise and all who helped with that project.

Mid-Winter ALA: March 15 is the final deadline for filling out the survey. Members are encouraged to consider voting for G. Linda Williams for ALA President. She is a school librarian! Ballots should arrive in the mail soon.

New Business :

Look for this article by former DSLMA member Allison Kaplan : "Is your school librarian 'highly qualified'?" With all the pressures on today's teachers and administrators, Ms. Kaplan wants to be sure that they realize that they can turn to their school's library media specialist for instructional support. When teachers and library media specialists collaborate, differentiated instruction becomes more feasible, and student achievement rises. In *Phi Delta Kappan* Dec. 2007 Available on UDLIB-SRCH in the Professional Collection.

DSLMA has agreed once again to assist in sponsoring an author for the DSRA conference in 2008.

Copies of the DSLMA bylaws were distributed. Members in attendance were asked to peruse the bylaws and make suggestions for any needed amendments. Send ideas to Jane Stewart.

DSLMA has agreed once again to donate \$16.00 toward the "Teachers as Readers" program. Suzanne Smith reported that it has been very successful and is nearly self-supporting.

DSLMA thanks Annie Norman for inviting school librarians to participate in the public library Database Days. Several of our members were able to attend.

PSLA conference will be in May in Hershey, PA, and Jane Stewart will attend.

Our AASL Affiliate delegate (Barb Ruzkowski) can no longer represent us. We need two representatives for the ALA convention. In June, Janet Shaw and Sue Gooden will attend, but we need to recruit a new delegate for next year. Many thanks to Barb, who handled this duty for nine years with no financial assistance. This position requires the person to attend both the national Mid-Winter and Annual Conferences.

Suzanne Smith is on the DLA membership committee. She reports that our numbers are very low. We need to create an incentive for school librarians to join and participate. Jane will ask Denise if we can give professional development credits for participation.

Committee Reports :

Legislative: We need a slate of officers for next year. Elections are held at the DLA conference in May.

Governor's Task Force: April 23 in Legislative Day.

Awards: Barb Ruzkowski and Janet Shaw are working on the awards.

District Reports:

No reports from: Appoquinimink, Cape Henlopen, Capital, Charter, Colonial, Delmar, Independent, Indian River, Lake Forest, Laurel, Seaford, Smyrna, Sussex Tech, NCC Vo-Tech

Brandywine: Sue Gooden reported that the district will be closing some schools and the librarians are concerned about how the library materials will be distributed. The district is moving to Follett's Destiny and in developing a collection development policy.

Caesar Rodney: Jane Stewart reported that life is normal.

Christina: Janet Shaw reported that there will be a lot of moving around next year, with perhaps 1 or 2 librarian positions available, as they move to neighborhood schools.

Milford: Carole Carpenter introduced Shawn Snyder, who will assume her job next year at Milford Senior High School.

Parochial: Barb Ruzkowski reported that they have a new administrator, with whom she hopes to meet soon.

Red Clay: Suzanne Smith reported that their referendum passed. Congratulations! She has been told that the libraries will have a budget next year. They are considering moving to Follett's Destiny.

Woodbridge: Dale Kovalich reported that each library has a budget which is dependent on the goodwill of the principal.

Presentations:

Peggy Dillner gave a very informative booktalk on books which involve politics, voting, and/or women's right to vote.

Meeting dismissed at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting : DLA conference on May 9 at the Sheraton in Dover.

Respectfully submitted.

Carole Carpenter